Deputing Planning Commission Members to Participating State of Sardar Sarovar Project

265. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT:
SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it had been decided to send one Member each of the Planning Committion to the participating States to assess and make indepth study of the problems of these States regarding implementation of the Sardar Sarovar Project;

(b) if so, the view taken by the participating States in this regard;

(c) whether Government have examined the recommendations made by the Members; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the efforts being made by Government for early settlement of the dispute and for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA DEHARESHWAR SAVANOOR): (a) to (d) The Chief Minister of Gujarat had requested the Prime Minister for his intervention by convening a meeting of the Chief Ministers of all the four participating States to see that the construction work of the Sardar Sarovar Project (SSP) is resumed immediately during the current construction season. The construction of the dam has been affected mainly due to problems of rehabilitation and resettlement of people as affected by submergence. Considering that the completion of the project would yield vast economic benefits to the region and complete cooperation is necessary amongst the four participating States for smooth and timely implementation of this project, early resolution of pending issues becomes necessary. As such and to pave the way for holding a meeting at the Prime Minister's level with the four party States, it has been considered advisable to make efforts through informal talks separately with each of the four party States so as to narrow down their differences and thereby to bring these four States to a point of covergence. It is against this background, that the Member (Irrigation), Planning Commission, assisted by a Senior Officer from the Ministry of Water Resources, will be holding informal talks separately with each of the Party States.

Setting up of Standing Committees to Examine Existing Policies and Procedures

266. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government propose to set-up several Standing Committees for going into the matters of existing policies and procedures with a view to expediting various decisions and implementation of various projects;

(b) If so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what has been the progress in the matter, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA DEHARESHWAR SAVANOOR): (a) No Sir, there is no proposal at present to set up several Standing Committees for going into the matters of existing policies and procedures with a view to expedite various procedures and decisions in implementation of various projects.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

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